

Utah Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Licensing
Child Care Center Annual Announced Inspection Checklist J – Outdoor Equipment

Center Name: _____ **Center Phone #:** _____

Address: _____ **Center ID #** _____

Director (or Designee): _____ **Licensing Specialist(s):** _____

Inspection Date: ____/____/____ **Start Time:** _____ am / pm **End Time:** _____ am / pm **License Expiration Date** ____/____/____

OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT INSPECTION ITEMS	✓ = Compliance O = Noncompliance N/A = Not Applicable	
		Level
J1. Is the outdoor play area enclosed within a 4' fence or wall, or a solid natural barrier at least 4' high? 100-6(4)		1, 2
J2. Are there any gaps in the fence or barrier, or between the fence and the ground, greater than 5"? 100-6(5)		1, 2
J3. Are there any openings greater than 3-1/2" x 6-1/4" but less than 9" diameter anywhere in the outdoor play area where children's feet cannot touch the ground? (Infants/toddlers: > 23 1/4" above the ground; preschoolers: > 25 1/4"; school age: > 33" above the ground) 100-6(6)		1
J4. Is the outdoor play area and equipment maintained to protect children's safety? For example; no missing, broken, or worn out components on equipment; all hardware on equipment secure; no metal rusted badly enough to cause equipment failure; no splintery wood; equipment is stable; cushioning is free of animal excrement. (Observe.) 100-6(14)		1, 2
J5. Do infant and toddler swings have enclosed seats? 100-6(13)(a)(viii)		1
J6. Is there protective cushioning in all existing use zones? 100-6(13)(d)		1
J7. Does protective cushioning in existing use zones around stationary play equipment meet depth requirements and/or need to be redistributed? 100-6(13)(e) and 100-6(13)(f)		1, 2
J8. Is sand, gravel, and shredded tire cushioning loosened (not compacted) to required depths? 100-6(13)(e)		1, 2
J9. Does wood product cushioning have adequate drainage? 100-6(13)(g)(ii)		2
J10. Is there ASTM documentation for wood product cushioning? 100-6(13)(g)(i)		3
J11. Is poured rubber or rubber mat cushioning securely installed? 100-6(13)(h)(ii)		1
J12. Is there ASTM documentation for poured rubber or rubber mat cushioning? 100-6(13)(h)(i)		3

<p align="center">TABLE 1 Depths of Protective Cushioning Required for Sand, Gravel, and Shredded Tires</p>					
Highest Designated Play Surface or Climbing Bar	Fine Sand	Coarse Sand	Fine Gravel	Medium Gravel	Shredded Tires
4' high or less	6"	6"	6"	6"	6"
Over 4' up to 5'	6"	6"	6"	6"	6"
Over 5' up to 6'	12"	12"	6"	12"	6"
Over 6' up to 7'	12"	Not Allowed	9"	Not Allowed	6"
Over 7' up to 8'	12"	Not Allowed	12"	Not Allowed	6"
Over 8' up to 9'	12"	Not Allowed	12"	Not Allowed	6"
Over 9' up to 10'	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	12"	Not Allowed	6"
Over 10' up to 11'	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	6"
Over 11' up to 12'	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	6"

Circle the row for highest designated play surface or climbing bar on chart to the left, if sand, gravel, or shredded tires are used as protective cushioning.

Circle one:

Fine Sand Coarse Sand Fine Gravel Coarse Gravel Shredded Tires

Measurements:

Hole #1:

Hole #2:

Hole #3:

Hole #4 (if needed):

Hole #5 (if needed):

Hole #6 (if needed):

Hole #7 (if needed):

Average of all holes measured:

TABLE 2 Depths of Protective Cushioning Required for Shredded Wood Products			
Highest Designated Play Surface or Climbing Bar	Engineered Wood Fibers	Wood Chips	Double Shredded Bark Mulch
4' high or less	6"	6"	6"
Over 4' up to 5'	6"	6"	6"
Over 5' up to 6'	6"	6"	6"
Over 6' up to 7'	9"	6"	9"
Over 7' up to 8'	12"	9"	9"
Over 8' up to 9'	12"	9"	9"
Over 9' up to 10'	12"	9"	9"
Over 10' up to 11'	12"	12"	12"
Over 11'	12"	Not Allowed	Not Allowed

Circle the row for highest designated play surface or climbing bar on chart to the left, if shredded wood products are used as protective cushioning.

Circle one:

Engineered Wood Fibers Wood Chips Double Shredded Bark Mulch

Measurements:

Hole #1:

Hole #2:

Hole #3:

Hole #4 (if needed):

Hole #5 (if needed):

Hole #6 (if needed):

Hole #7 (if needed):

Average of all holes measured: